

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 22, 23, 25, 61-63, and 65-75 are currently pending in this application and subject to restriction. Claims 9-21, 24, 26-60 and 64 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of the cancelled claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the restricted subject matter of Group I, claims 1-8, 61-63 and 65-70, drawn to a method for recovering plant cells using serial washing steps in media having successively reduced concentrations of cryoprotective agent and a stabilizer.

Restriction Requirement

The restriction requirement subjected claims 1-8, 22, 23, 25, 61-63, and 65-75 to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between one of the following inventions:

Group I) claims 1-8, 61-63 and 65-70, drawn to a method for recovering plant cells using serial washing steps in media having successively reduced concentrations of cryoprotective agent and a stabilizer, classified in class 435, subclass 410;

Group II) claim 22, drawn to a method for recovering plant cells using washing in a medium having a cryoprotective agent and plating cells on a medium having reduced concentration of the cryoprotective agent, classified in class 536, subclass 1.11; and

Group III) claims 23, 25 and 71-75, drawn to a method for recovering plant cells using washing in medium having reduced concentration of one kind of cryoprotective agent and also having another cryoprotective agent present therein and also can contain the inorganic active ingredient, silver nitrate, and removing both of the cryoprotective agents and further plating the cells on media that contains reduced concentrations of the cryoprotective agents, classified in class 424, subclass 600.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the restricted subject matter of Group I, claims 1-8, 61-63 and 65-70, drawn to a method for recovering plant cells using serial washing steps in media having successively reduced concentrations of cryoprotective agent and a stabilizer.

Applicant submits that claims 1-8, 61-63 and 65-70 read on the elected subject matter, as required by the Restriction Requirement.

CONCLUSION

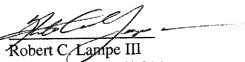
An indication of allowance of all claims is respectfully solicited. Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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